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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

3. (Amended) The catalyst as claimed in claim 1 for copolymerization of olefins and styrenes, wherein, in (C), X is carbon, Y is oxygen and Z is aluminium.

4. (Amended) The catalyst as claimed in claim 1 for copolymerization of olefins and styrenes, wherein the compound (C) is a reaction product of <1> at least one selected from compounds of a general formula, $(R^1)_3-C-OR^3$, R^4-CO-R^5 or $R^6-CO-OR^7$, with <2> a compound of a general formula, $Z(R^2)_m$. (In these formulae, R^1 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 each